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USSR TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES

CHITA GOLD MINERS ELECT UNION STAFFS -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 21, 1 Feb 49

Auditing and electoral meetings of trade unions in gold-industry enterprises in Chita Oblast have ended. More than 1,000 persons gave reports at these meetings, which were attended by 89 percent of the trade union members. Sixty percent of the staff of trade union organizations, or 305 persons, were re-elected. Among those elected, 55 percent are Stakhanovites and 15 percent are engineering and technical workers. The majority of those elected have been honored by government awards. Sixty-seven percent of the directors of trade union organizations -- chairmen of mine and local committees -- or 92 persons were re-elected. (From an article by A. Kobayashov, chairman, Chita Oblast Committee of the Trade Union of Gold and Platinum Miners.)

TRADE UNION MEETING CALLED -- Rechnoy Transport, No 9, 1 Feb 49

The presidium of the Central Committee of the Trade Union of River Transport Workers announced that the 4th meeting of the Trade Union for River Transport Workers will be held in Gor'kiy, 23 February. The program will be:

1. Report of the Trade Union Central Committee
2. Report of the Auditing Commission
3. Election of the Trade Union Central Committee
4. Election of the Auditing Commission
5. Election of delegates to the Tenth All-Union Congress of Trade Unions.

WORKERS CRITICIZE KRAY COMMITTEE -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 14, 18 Jan 49

The sixth conference of workers in consumer cooperatives in Primorskiy Kray discussed the deficiencies in the work of many trade union organizations of

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consumer-cooperative workers. The organizations were criticized for their superficial treatment of the economic activity of the "Sel'po" (Rural Consumers Society) and rayon consumer unions. The Shumakovskiy and Budennovskiy Rayon Consumer Unions and the Suchan City Consumer Society had a consistently poor record for trade turnover in 1948, but the Kray Committee of the Trade Union failed to take measures necessary to improve the operation of the societies.

The Kray Committee was also criticized for failure to publicize the achievements of leading consumer societies, such as the Monastyrishchenskoye Rural Consumer Society in Chernigovskiy Rayon and the Vladimiro-Aleksandrovskoye Rural Consumer Society in Budennovskiy Rayon. The trade union organizations have not been sufficiently active in securing good living conditions for workers in cooperative societies. The housing construction plan has not been fulfilled, health campaigns are disorganized, etc. The sixth conference elected a new staff of the Kray Committee with Meshayer as chairman.

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